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Sir:

The Final Office Action mailed on August 14, 2002 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please consider the following remarks.

### **Present Status of the Application**

Claims 1-17, 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly being unpatentable over Farkas et al. (US 6,001,730, Farkas hereinafter) and Penniman (US 5,373,229, Penniman hereinafter). Applicants, however, respectfully submitted that the presently pending claims of this application are already in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection is respectfully requested.